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SUBJECT: PROXIMITY TALKS AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL:
REQUEST FOR BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY

1. ON JANUARY 24, FOREIGN OFFICE STATE SECRETARY VAN WELL TOLD ME THAT GENSCHER WISHED TO SCHEDULE A BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY JUST PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PROXIMITY TALKS IN NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 10 AND 11. VAN WELL SAID VON STADEN HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RAISE THIS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

2. VAN WELL SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE SECRETARY MIGHT NOT BE AVAILABLE ON FEBRUARY 10 AND IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT GENSCHER WOULD HAVE TO LEAVE NEW YORK ON FEBRUARY 11, I.E., WHEN THE SECRETARY WOULD BE PRESENT. THUS, GENSCHER WAS PREPARED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 9 TO BE AVAILABLE TO SEE THE SECRETARY THE REMAINDER OF THAT DAY OR ANYTIME ON FEBRUARY 10.

3. VAN WELL SAID GENSCHER WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS US-FRG RELATIONS, SALT, MBFR, EAST-WEST RELATIONS, THE HORN, AND THE MIDDLE EAST. HE NOTED THAT THE FRG WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LATTER AREA.

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